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LIABILITY LITIGATION

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1 Kelly Bonner. I'm appearing on behalf of -- hello?

2 JUDGE VANASKIE: Hello?

3 MS. BONNER: Yes, Your Honor, can you hear me? This
4 is Kelly Bonner on behalf of the ZHP parties. Hello? Your
5 Honor?

6 MR. SLATER: I think the Judge may be having an issue
7 with the Internet, possibly connection. It looks like he
8 clicked off and will probably sign back in.

9 Was I lost on this for a while or was I coming
10 through? Because everything froze for a second. Everybody was
11 frozen.

12 MS. WHITELEY: No. Adam, we can hear you and Kelly
13 just fine.

14 MR. SLATER: Okay. Hi, Conlee.

15 MS. WHITELEY: Hi Adam. Hi Kelly.

16 MS. BONNER: Hello.

17 MS. SMITH: Perhaps while we are waiting for Judge
18 Vanaskie to rejoin us, I just want to let the parties know the
19 last opinion for the motions to dismiss is in Judge Kugler's
20 hands, so I'm expecting it to be issued some time this week.

21 MR. SLATER: Thank you. You're off the hook.

22 MS. SMITH: Thank you.

23 JUDGE VANASKIE: All right. Can you hear me?

24 MS. BONNER: Yes, Your Honor, I can hear you.

25 JUDGE VANASKIE: And it dropped on my end.

1 Apparently, I had the problem.

2 So, Mr. Slater, you were about to conclude?

3 MR. SLATER: I thought I was.

4 JUDGE VANASKIE: Okay.

5 MR. SLATER: All I had said was, unless there's a
6 Hetero or a ZHP issue that's outstanding, but I don't think
7 there are any. So if that's true, I can, with your permission,
8 I can go back to the deposition.

9 JUDGE VANASKIE: Yes. I apologize to the group. As I
10 said, the call dropped on my end.

11 Ms. Bonner, did you want to say anything?

12 MS. BONNER: Yes, Your Honor. Just speaking on behalf
13 of the ZHP parties with respect to confidentiality issues,
14 because they were put on the agenda for today, we would just
15 like to make very clear that the ZHP parties respectfully
16 request that these issues be deferred and that any deadlines
17 for motions to seal be held in abeyance until such time as the
18 Court issues its decision on the outstanding motion to seal,
19 which was fully briefed on Monday.

20 JUDGE VANASKIE: And as I understand it as well, Ms.
21 Bonner, I'm glad you raised the question, the documents in
22 question could be used at depositions, if necessary; it's just
23 that they're to be treated as confidential. All right.

24 MS. BONNER: That is correct, Your Honor.

25 JUDGE VANASKIE: So, Mr. Slater, I think we can

1 proceed and then get a ruling from me on the motion to seal.

2 MR. SLATER: Thank you so much.

3 JUDGE VANASKIE: All right. Thank you.

4 MS. BONNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 JUDGE VANASKIE: Thanks.

6 MR. SLATER: Thank you. Have a very nice day. Good
7 luck, everyone.

8 (Mr. Slater leaves the videoconference.)

9 JUDGE VANASKIE: All right. So we'll go back to the
10 agenda letter that I received from Mr. Slater. I will go in
11 the order that he has established.

12 The first issue that he raised has to deal with
13 bellwether plaintiffs' discovery or discovery from bellwether
14 plaintiffs, and it seemed to me that this issue has been
15 resolved with the defendants being able to serve discovery
16 requests on an individualized basis as necessary.

17 Who will be addressing this issue for the defense
18 team?

19 MS. LOGAS: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Alexander
20 Bach Logas, counsel for Teva. Yes, Your Honor apprehended it
21 correctly.

22 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Excuse me. You're
23 going to have to start again. I lost you. If you would,
24 please. Thank you.

25 MS. LOGAS: Sure, yes. Absolutely.